

Reimbursement

Many health insurance policies cover the occupational therapy evaluation. Check to see if your insurance covers outpatient occupational therapy. On-the-road evaluation and training are usually not covered by health insurance. Workers' Compensation and Motor Vehicle insurances frequently do provide reimbursement. Check with your carrier.

For eligible individuals who expect to return to work or school, the NYS Office of Vocational and Educational Services for Individuals with Disabilities (VESID) may sponsor driver rehabilitation services.

Some individuals pay privately.

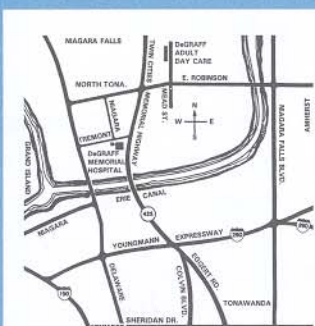
About the Program

Driver Rehabilitation is a collaborative venture of **Rehab Care**, The Center for Rehabilitation at DeGraff Memorial Hospital and Rochester Rehabilitation Center. **Rehab Care** is a leader in comprehensive rehabilitation services for Western New Yorkers. Rochester Rehabilitation Center has provided driver rehabilitation services for over thirty years.

The program meets standards established by VESID. Instructors who provide on-the-road training are certified by the Department of Motor Vehicles and the NYS Education Department.



Regional Map



Local Area Map

Coming from the Southtowns:

Take the New York State Thruway (Interstate 90) North/West. Take Exit 50 onto the Youngmann Highway (Interstate 290). Travel the 290 West and exit on the Colvin Exit. Take a right onto the Twin City Memorial Highway and travel North for 4 traffic lights. As you come over your second overpass, you will see the Hospital on your left side. Make a left onto Tremont Street.

Take the second entrance on the left into the hospital next to DeGraff's Emergency Room. The Wellness Center and parking lots will be located on the right.

Coming from Amherst:

Travel East on the Youngmann Highway (Interstate 290) until you come to the Colvin Exit. Exit at Colvin. Take a right onto the Twin City Memorial Highway and travel North for 4 traffic lights. As you come over your second overpass, you will see the Hospital on the left side. Make a left onto Tremont Street.

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On the Road to Independence



Driver Rehabilitation Services

A Specialty Service of **Rehab Care**

The Center for Rehabilitation
DeGraff Memorial Hospital

In collaboration with
Rochester Rehabilitation
Center

What is Driver Rehabilitation?

Driver Rehabilitation involves an objective assessment of an individual's ability to drive a vehicle safely with or without adaptive equipment. A training van or car with a variety of special driving devices enables persons with disabilities to determine which equipment works best for them and learn to drive with that equipment.



Who provides Driver Rehabilitation services?

Services are provided by an occupational therapist, certified occupational therapy assistant and a certified driver education teacher with specialized rehabilitation training. The certified driving teacher can provide on-the-road instruction for people who do not have an active driver's license or permit.



What happens during Driver Rehabilitation?

A comprehensive driving evaluation is the first step.

A functional assessment is designed to identify physical limitations, seating and positioning or wheelchair needs and cognitive or visual problems which may require special equipment or compensatory strategies for driving.

A driving performance evaluation tests knowledge of traffic safety rules and defensive driving techniques. It includes a behind-the-wheel assessment of actual driving capabilities in a controlled environment. Recommendations for vehicle modifications and adaptive equipment may be part of the evaluation.

Driver training in all traffic areas is provided after the completion of a driving evaluation.

Adaptive driving instruction teaches driving in all traffic areas using the specialized driving equipment recommended in the evaluation as well as any compensatory strategies needed.

Driver education is tailored to individual needs based on previous driving experience and includes an approved defensive driving curriculum.

Assistance with licensing requirements includes preparation for a road test, consultation with the Department of Motor Vehicles regarding licensing amendments and, in some cases, help in obtaining a waiver of a re-examination.

Related Services

Equipment evaluation is offered when a person with a disability has been driving with adaptive equipment, but wants advice on improved technology or when a person with a disability is the passenger.

Vehicle consultation is offered to help with selection of a new vehicle to ensure that it will accommodate the driver or passenger's needs.

Vehicle inspection is available when a vehicle has been modified and/or adaptive equipment has been installed to verify that it was installed according to manufacturer's instructions and that the driver can operate the equipment.



For more information or to make a referral:

Please call Driver Rehabilitation at (716) 690-2386.

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